

Our Divine Model

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If Christ possessed no other authority than that derived from His blameless and heroic life, His testimony might be set against that of all the morbid, the diseased, the blind, and the evil-minded who have borne witness to the futility of virtue and effort. In knowledge of life it is spiritual rectitude and insight which count; numbers have no significance. If we are to suffer, let us suffer as He did, in sublime silence; if we are to be scourged and rejected, let us keep our spiritual dignity amid the squalor of sin; if we are to die, let us die for and with our race. Such a bear-

ing plucks the bitterness out of sorrow, and makes death a revelation of immortality. And such a bearing translates life into a speech full of spiritual reality and promise.

Peace Unspeakable

The gift of peace is of priceless worth to every sincere disciple. The Christ says "My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you." It is the peace which passeth understanding, for in it death is overcome; it is the peace of Him whose gift is eternal life; it is the peace of God.

Chinese soldiers live on rice and cabbage.

**An Eastern Trip
Via Washington**

Opportunity for a visit to the National Capital is afforded by tickets via Washington at same fares as apply over direct Pennsylvania Line to Philadelphia and New York. An additional stop-over of ten days at Philadelphia is granted on tickets to New York whether they read via Washington or direct. For further information apply to C. L. Kimball, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Cleveland, Ohio.

A BRETHREN HOME AT WINONA.

**Read Below.**

The General Conference of the Brethren church has unanimously decided to meet at Winona at least three years out of every four. This was on account of the beauty of the place, its central location, the cheap railroad rates, the ample accommodations, the unity which will be given the work from year to year, and many other reasons.

THEREFORE, it is very desirable that there should be a Brethren home located on the grounds. Several other denominations already have such buildings and more are contemplated.

SPIRITUALLY, such a center will be of the utmost value because here those of like faith will gather to strengthen one another and turn the inspiration gathered from the meetings into the channels of the church.

SOCIALLY too, the home will be a power because of the friendships formed and cemented. It will help the church to have unity thru love rather than law.

FINANCIALLY, the project will render handsome returns. This will appear from the statements below.

THE OPPORTUNITY. A handsome private hotel has been offered the Brethren at a reasonable price and an option for ninety days has been taken. It is

The Garfield Springs Cottage.

LOCATION. The cottage is on the terrace about two hundred feet south of the auditorium. It is practically in the center of a circle which would include the auditorium, tent, general offices and stores, the Inn, the Moody and Marshall houses, the Indian mound, the new Boys' Preparatory School, the street car terminus and other places. It is just above the famous Garfield springs which are to be greatly beautified, and so close that no other building can come before it. The view is fine.

THE BUILDING AND LOT. The grounds include two lots plus six feet, making sixty-six feet front and forty feet depth, with option on twenty feet more if we wish. The building was erected in 1897, and contains in all twenty-six rooms. It has a large front veranda and an exceptionally good cellar. It is no summer cottage but

a solid, well-built house for summer and winter. It is furnished to accommodate forty guests. The furniture is of fine oak thru-out. There are two cooking stoves, two heating stoves and one gasoline stove. Each room is furnished with bed with husk-filled, cotton-top mattress, full toilet set, one rocker and two other chairs, dresser, stand, rack, etc. The windows are weighted and screened at top and bottom. Eight of the rooms have carpet and the rest matting. Only six however have flues. The dining room is large. Roger plate silver ware is used on all the tables. The kitchen has a cistern and well in it with sewer connections and tubs for laundry work, refrigerator, servants' rooms adjoining, etc. The parlors are elegantly furnished.

THE PROPOSITION. The entire grounds, building and furnishings even to the linen on the beds and tables are offered for \$4000.00. Of this \$1000.00 is to be paid down and the rest in six yearly payments of \$500. each with interest at 6 per cent.

A PLAN. It is proposed that a company be organized to purchase the building. Already more than a dozen have agreed to take shares at \$100.00 each. The building rents at present for \$400.00 for the Chautauqua season. Allowing \$100 for concessions and improvements and computing interest at 6 per cent. on the payments, each investor of \$100 would only have to pay \$25 cash and six yearly payments averaging \$7.62.

If however we should run the house ourselves the income could be almost doubled and thus after the first would more than cover the payments each year. Remember that thousands of dollars are being spent annually in beautifying the grounds, and property is constantly advancing in price. The new boys' school will be located very near this building. It will be opened next September and will, we are told, cause property near it to almost double in value.

If during the summer the rental of our cottage will bring 10 per cent on the investment, how much more can be expected when it can be used winter and summer? Then we can have it to use as we please during our meetings. The lots are large enough that the building can easily be made double or treble its present size if we desire.

The opportunity seemed so exceptional that a committee was appointed to advertise the matter and complete the organization of the company if possible within the next ninety days. All interested should write at once. More than one share can be taken if desired. When all are taken the necessary legal steps will be attended to and arrangements made for the management of the building.

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